



Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

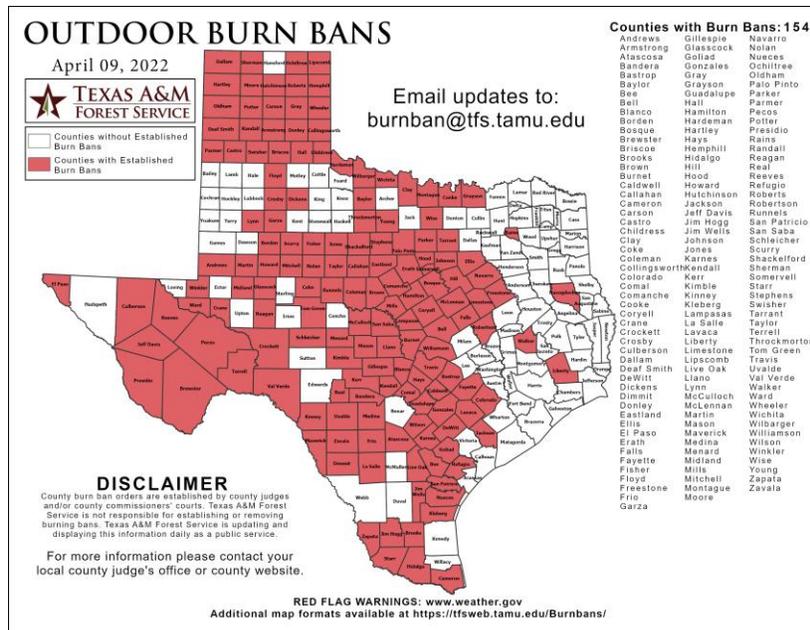
New Information in Blue Text

Event Name	22-0009 Wildfire Outbreak 17MAR
Date	April 10, 2022
Time	9:00 AM
Operational Period	8:00 AM April 9 to 8:00 AM April 10, 2022
Report Number	24

Regions Affected

TDEM Regions Affected	1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6
DDCs Active	1, 4A, 5, 6, 7, 19 & 20

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS) received 17 new requests for assistance with fire suppression operations on Saturday, April 9. Elevated to critical fire weather conditions are forecasted today for much of the western third of Texas. There are currently 154 Texas counties out of 254 with a Burn Ban in effect.



On April 1, Governor Abbott amended the Disaster Declaration, adding Andrews, Aransas, Archer, Bee, Bell, Borden, Bosque, Brewster, Cameron, Coke, Concho, Cooke, Crane, Crockett, Culberson, Dawson, Dimmit, Duval, Ector, Edwards, Gaines, Garza, Hemphill, Hidalgo, Howard, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kimble, Kleberg, Live Oak, Martin, Maverick, McCulloch, Menard, Midland, Nueces, Palo Pinto, Parker, Pecos, Presidio, Reagan, Real, Refugio, Roberts, Terrell, Tom Green, Upton, Wichita, Willacy, Winkler, Wise, Zapata, and Zavala counties.

On March 29, Governor Abbott encouraged Texans to remain vigilant and informed on weather conditions as fire danger and severe weather threaten the state.
([Complete Statement Here](#))

On March 27, Governor Abbott amended the Disaster Declaration, adding Medina County.

On March 21, Governor Abbott amended the Disaster Declaration, adding Blanco, Erath, Hood, Runnels, and Starr counties.

On March 18, Governor Abbott issued a Disaster Declaration due to an imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property in Brooks, Brown, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Grayson, Mason, Potter, Randall, and Williamson Counties.

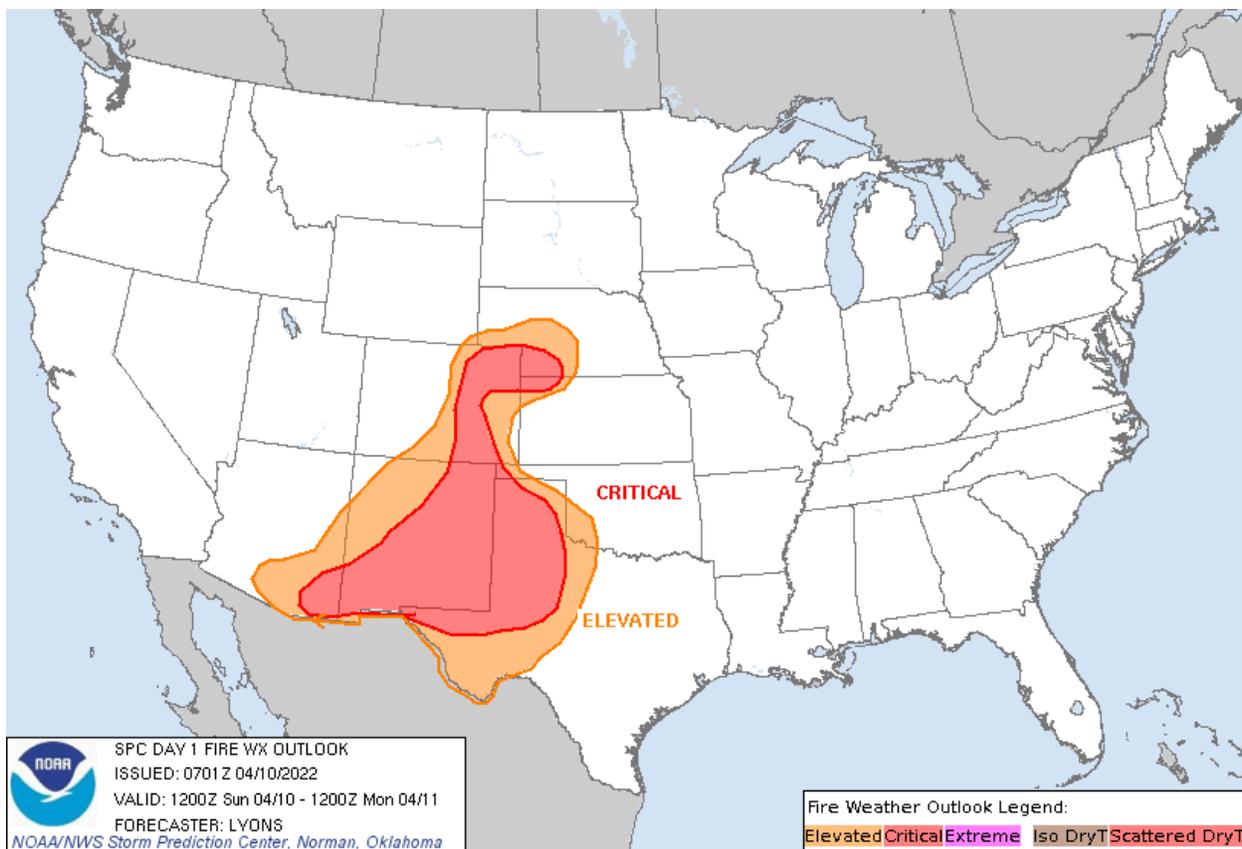
On March 16, Governor Abbott directed TDEM to activate additional state resources as escalated fire weather conditions continue to impact the state this week.

On March 15, Governor Abbott directed TDEM to mobilize state resources as Texas faces increased fire weather conditions this week.

Access damage surveys, find an evacuation shelter, and view wildfire resources
Visit our March Wildfires Disaster page for more information:
<https://www.tdem.texas.gov/disasters/2022-march-wildfires>

WEATHER:

NWS Fire Weather Outlook Valid: 7AM 4/10 to 7AM 4/11.



Day 1 Fire Weather Outlook: CRITICAL FIRE WEATHER AREA FOR PORTIONS OF THE CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN HIGH PLAINS

Synopsis

A low amplitude shortwave trough across the central Rockies is forecast to move eastward across the Great Plains and reach the Upper Midwest late this evening. Two areas of low pressure, with the latter in the lee of the southern Rockies, will intensify, supporting strong westerly winds across the Rockies and southern High Plains. Dry surface conditions and the strong winds beneath the trough will support Critical fire weather conditions across the central and southern High Plains.

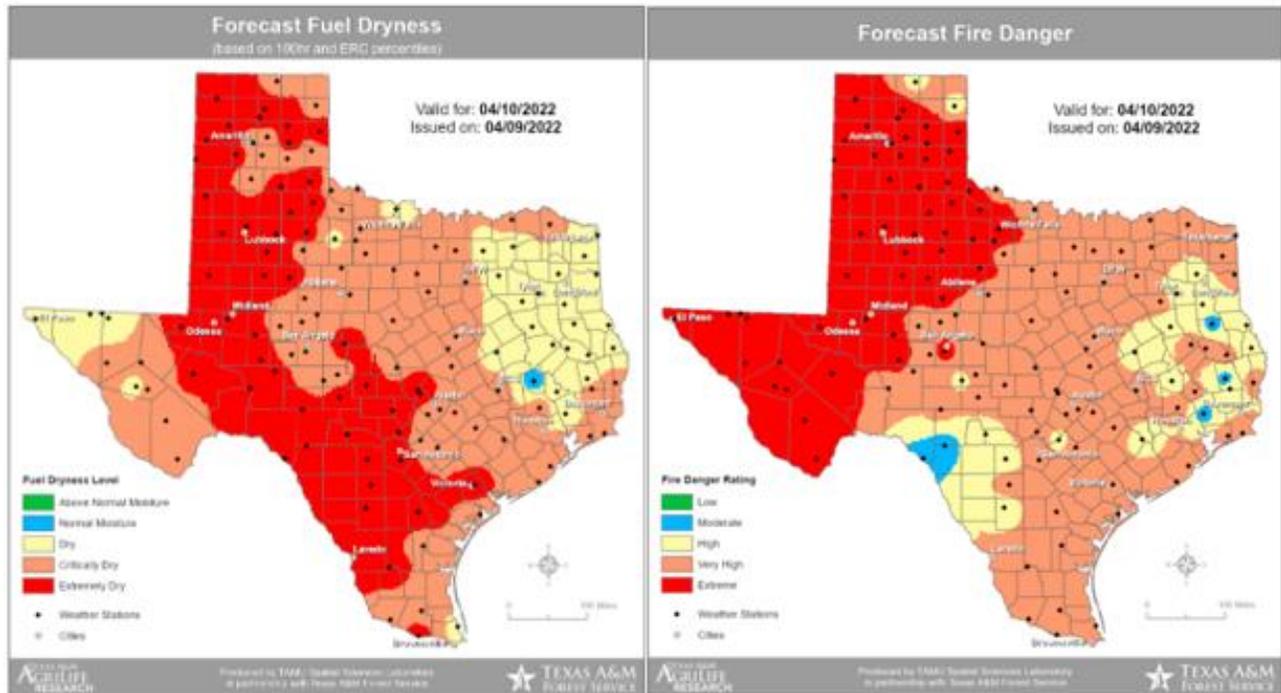
Central and southern High Plains

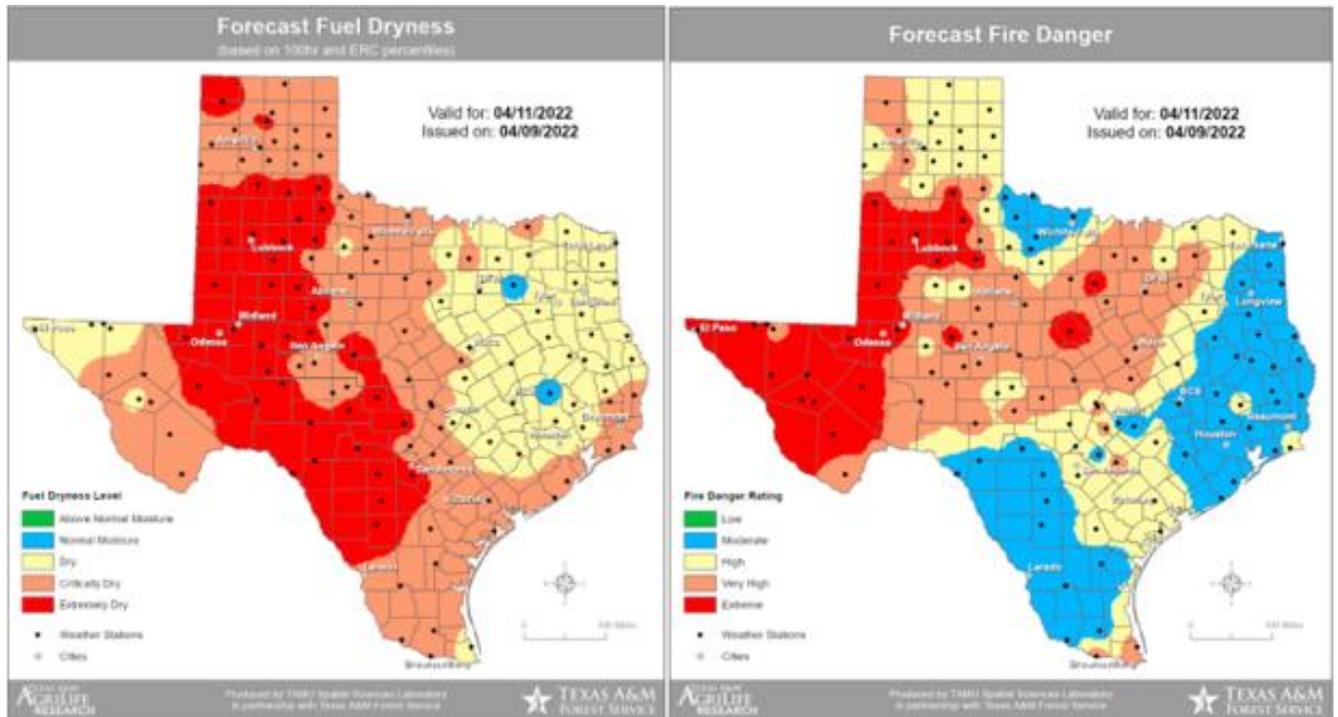
As the mid-level trough ejects eastward out of the central Rockies this morning strong mid-level flow will overspread the central and southern High Plains. A sub 1000 mb lee low will shift southeastward across CO and into the OK/TX Panhandles. Strong west to east pressure gradients bolstered by the mid-level flow at the base of the trough will support robust downslope winds of 25-30 mph across much of the Plains. Locally strong winds are expected beneath the trough and behind a cold

front moving south from the central Rockies into the High Plains where a late season downslope winds storm is expected to develop.

Warm temperatures and adiabatic downslope flow will support an extremely dry airmass with widespread RH values below 10%. Hi-res guidance suggests that locally stronger flow in the immediate lee of the southern Rockies and beneath a pronounced thermal ridge may also allow for local RH values to fall below 5% in spots. The combination of strong surface winds and extremely dry conditions will support widespread Critical fire weather conditions from eastern NM, along the front range of CO, into western portions of TX and OK. Volatile fuels remain in place with ERC values in the 90th+ percentile for nearly all of the southern/central High Plains. With preceding days showing above normal fire activity, widespread Critical fire weather conditions are expected.

Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS) – Predictive Services:





OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES:

1. Protect life and property.
2. Support rapid & effective response and recovery operations.
3. Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decision-making.
4. Accurately track incident costs associated with assigned resources for cost recovery.

Region 1 (Includes DDCs 4 Garland, 4 Hurst, 5, 6, and 22)

DDC 6 – Tyler (Includes: Anderson, Camp, Cherokee, Gregg, Harrison, Henderson, Marion, Panola, Rains, Rusk, Smith, Upshur, Van Zandt, and Wood Counties)

DDC 6 increased their readiness level to Level III (Increased Readiness Level).

Camp County: [Camp 2510](#): 1 acre – 100% contained.

Gregg County: [Gregg 2501](#): 7 acres – 100% contained.

Harrison County: [Harrison 2524](#): 35 acres – 100% contained.

Van Zandt County: [Van Zandt 2532](#): 13 acres – 100% contained.

Region 2 (Includes DDCs 13, 14, 15, 16A, 16B, 16C, and 16D)

DDC 14 – Lufkin (Includes: Angelina, Houston, Nacogdoches, Newton, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Trinity, and Tyler Counties)

Nacogdoches County: [Nacogdoches 2542](#): 7 acres – 50% contained.

San Jacinto County: [San Jacinto 2512](#): 1 acre – 100% contained.

DDC 15 – Beaumont (Includes: Hardin, Jasper, Jefferson, and Orange Counties)

Jasper County:

[Jasper 2534](#): 0.4 acres – 100% contained.

[Jasper 2519](#): 3.1 acres – 100% contained.

DDC 16C – Conroe (Includes: Liberty, Montgomery, Walker, and Waller Counties)

Liberty County:

[Marsh Branch](#): 216 acres – 0% contained.

[Liberty 2508](#): 2 acres – 100% contained.

Montgomery County: [Montgomery 2490](#): 5 acres – 100% contained.

Region 3 (Includes DDCs 19, 20, 21, and 24)

DDC 20 – Corpus Christi (Includes: Aransas, Bee, Brooks, Duval, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleberg, Live Oak, Nueces, Refugio, and San Patricio Counties)

DDC 20 increased their readiness level to Level III (Increased Readiness Level).

Duval County: [Benavides](#): 50 acres – 100% contained.

DDC 21 – Weslaco (Includes: Cameron, Hidalgo, and Willacy Counties)

Willacy County: [Sugar Cane](#): 30 acres – 100% contained.

DDC 24 – Del Rio (Includes: Dimmit, Edwards, Kinney, La Salle, Maverick, Real, Uvalde, Val Verde, and Zavala Counties)

Edwards County: [Devils Sinkhole](#): 750 acres – 30% contained.

Region 4 (Includes DDCs 8, 9A, 9B and 10)

DDC 9A – Midland (Includes: Andrews, Borden, Dawson, Ector, Gaines, Glasscock, Howard, Martin, Midland, and Winkler Counties)

Borden County: [Bull Creek](#): 647 acres – 100% contained.

Region 5 (Includes DDCs 1, 2, 3, and 7)

DDC 1 – Amarillo (Includes: Armstrong, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Collingsworth, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Donley, Gray, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, Swisher, and Wheeler Counties)

DDC 1 activated to Level III at 10:00 AM on March 28.

Randall County: [Ralph Switch](#): 23.8 acres – 100% contained.

Wheeler County: [Britt](#): 8,000 acres - 100% contained.

DDC 3 – Wichita Falls (Includes: Archer, Baylor, Clay, Cottle, Foard, Hardeman, Jack, Wichita, Wilbarger, and Young Counties)

Wichita County:

[Cashew](#): 650 acres – 100% contained.

[Ballpark](#): 67.5 acres – 100% contained.

Region 6 (Includes DDCs 11, 12, 17, 18A, 18B, and 23)

DDC 18A – San Antonio (Includes: Bandera, Comal, Frio, Gillespie, Guadalupe, Kendall, Kerr, and Medina Counties)

Medina County: [Medina Duo](#): 20 acres - 0% contained.

DDC 18B – Bexar (Includes: Atascosa, Bexar, Karnes, McMullen, and Wilson Counties)

Bexar County: [Training Area 23](#): 1,543 acres – 25% contained.

DDC 23 – Killeen (Includes: Bell, Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas, Milam, Mills and San Saba Counties)

Coryell County: [Beecham Gap](#): 17 acres – 95% contained.

RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) – Regional staff have been deployed to impacted areas to assist local officials in damage assessment and identification of needs. The SOC continues to facilitate information sharing and the coordination of response and recovery operations.

TDEM Communications Coordination Group (CCG): Communications platforms are being identified for possible support if required.

TDEM Disaster Recovery Task Force (DRTF): DRTF HQ staff continue to support mass care at the SOC and actively monitoring the weather situation. DRTF regional staff continue to support local jurisdictions affected by wildfires with damage assessments and organizing VOAD support.

TDEM Mass Care: State partners are supporting local jurisdictions from the wildfires.

TDEM State Voluntary Agency Liaison (VAL): Disaster non-profits and Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters are actively deployed and supporting jurisdictions in TDEM Regions 1, 2, 5 and 6. Planning meetings between local jurisdictions and disaster nonprofits for establishing Multi Agency Resource Centers are ongoing.

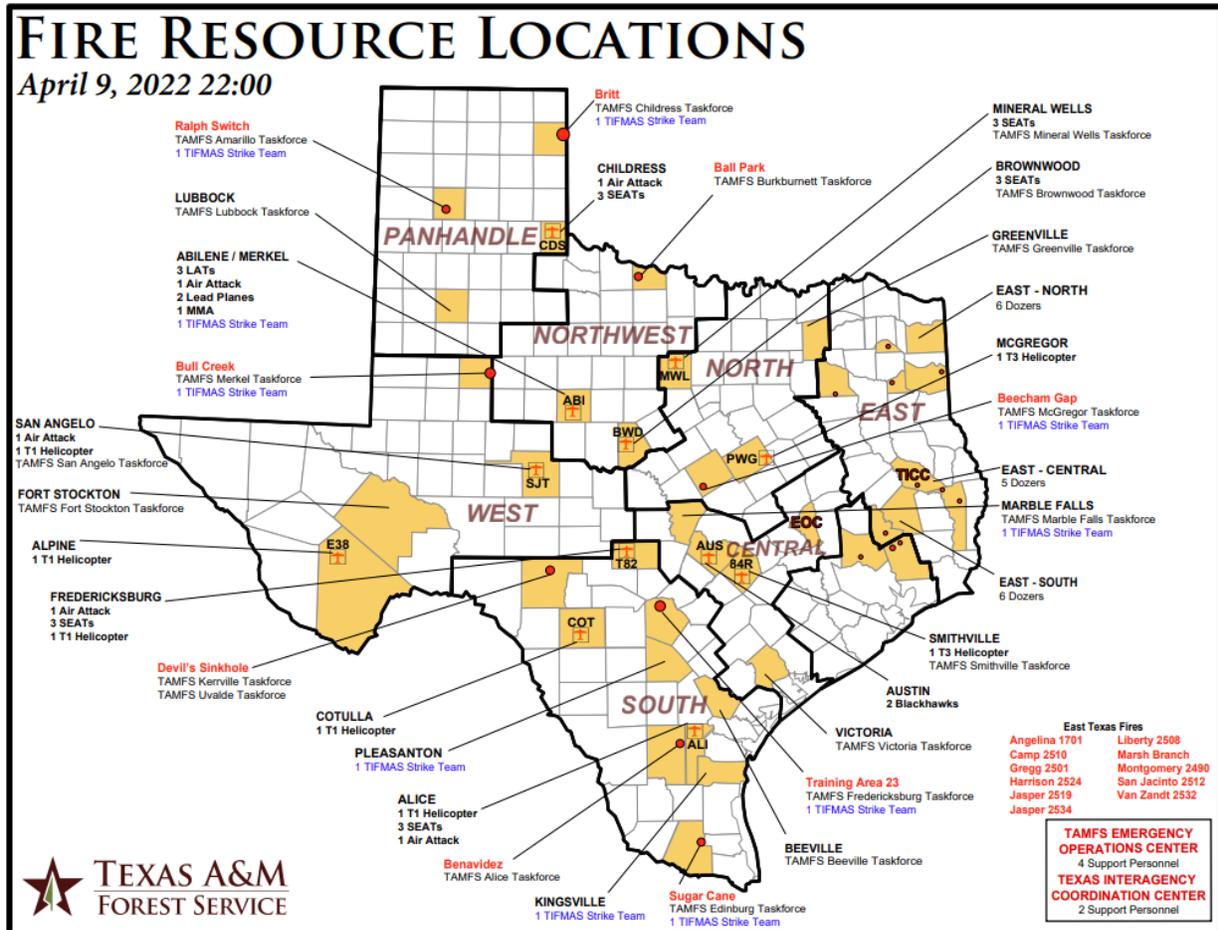
Texas Emergency Management Assistance Team (TEMAT):

The DRTF HQ staff continue to support mass care at the SOC. DRTF regional staff continue to support local jurisdictions affected by wildfires with damage assessments and organizing VOAD support.

Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service (Agrilife): AgriLife continues to maintain situational awareness of wildfire incidents across the state.

Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX)/Texas A&M Public Works Response Team (TX-PWRT): TEEX/TX-PWRT personnel managing ESF 3 from the Remote SOC in Austin.

Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS): TAMFS received 17 new requests for assistance with fire suppression operations on Saturday, April 9. Incident Updates can be found here: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/>.



Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC): The PUC continues to provide a liaison to the SOC and is monitoring for any outages or other issues with electricity providers. Restoring service where practical behind the fire(s).

Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC): The RRC will continue to work with natural gas service providers throughout this event.

Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC): TAHC continues to maintain situational awareness.

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ): TCEQ has staff available to assist local governments with any air/water/waste related issues including drinking water/wastewater issues and/or emergency response activities.

Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA): TDA continues to staff the Remote SOC as needed as part of the ESF-11 Team. STAR Funds accepting donations and requests for financial assistance.

Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) – Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF): Three Wildland Fire Support (WLFS) Packages are on standby from EMTF’s 1, 2, 7, 8, 9 & 11. WLFS Packages are on awareness from EMTF’s 4, & 6.

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT): TxDOT is staffing the remote SOC.

Texas Department of Public Safety (TXDPS): TXDPS continues to staff the remote SOC to maintain situational awareness.

Texas Military Department (TMD): TMD continues supporting TAMFS in suppressing wildland fires in Texas.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD): TPWD has been tasked to provide two firefighting brush trucks.

STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equip	Status	Location
TDEM DRTF	DRTF HQ Staff	2		Assigned	R-SOC
Agrilife, TAMUS	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	R-SOC
TAMFS	Large Air Tanker (LAT)		3	Available	Abilene
TAMFS	Aerial Supervision Aircraft (AA)		1	Available	Abilene
TAMFS	Lead Plane		2	Available	Abilene
TAMFS	Multi Mission Aircraft		1	Available	Abilene
TAMFS	Type I Helicopter		1	Available	Alice
TAMFS	AA		1	Available	Alice
TAMFS	Single Engine Air Tanker (SEATs)		3	Available	Alice
TAMFS	Type 1 Helicopter		1	Available	Alpine

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equip	Status	Location
TAMFS	SEATS		3	Available	Brownwood
TAMFS	AA		1	Available	Childress
TAMFS	SEATs		3	Available	Childress
TAMFS	AA		1	Available	Fredericksburg
TAMFS	SEATs		3	Available	Fredericksburg
TAMFS	Type 1 Helicopter		1	Available	Fredericksburg
TAMFS	Type 3 Helicopter		1	Available	McGregor
TAMFS	Single Engine Air Tanker (Fire Boss)		3	Available	Mineral Wells
TAMFS	AA		1	Available	San Angelo
TAMFS	Type I Helicopter		1	Available	San Angelo
TAMFS	Type 3 Helicopter		1	Available	Smithville
TAMFS	Type 1 Helicopter		1	Available	Cotulla
TAMFS	TAMFS Taskforce	13 Taskforces		Available	Various
TAMFS	Dozer/Tractor Plow		23	Available	Various
TIFMAS	TIFMAS Strike Team (ST)	25	5	Available	Merkel
TIFMAS	TIFMAS ST	25	5	Available	Marble Falls
TIFMAS	TIFMAS ST	25	5	Available	Edinburg
TIFMAS	TIFMAS ST	25	5	Available	Childress
TIFMAS	TIFMAS ST	25	5	Available	Pleasanton
TIFMAS	TIFMAS ST	25	5	Available	Amarillo
TIFMAS	TIFMAS ST	25	5	Assigned	Training Area 23
TIFMAS	TIFMAS ST	25	5	Available	Kingsville
TIFMAS	TIFMAS Coordinators	2		Available	College Station & Merkel
TIFMAS	Overhead	2		Available	Mineral Wells & Brownwood
TEEX/TX-TF1 & 2	ESF 9 SOC LNO	1		Assigned	R-SOC
TEEX/TX-PWRT	SOC Liaison	1	1	Assigned	R-SOC
TAHC	SOC Representative	1		Assigned	R-SOC
DSHS EMTF	SOC Liaison	1		Available	R-SOC
DSHS EMTF	Wildland Fire Support Pkg	3		Standby	EMTF's 1, 2, 7, 8, 9 & 11

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PUC	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	R-SOC
RRC	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	R-SOC
TCEQ	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	R-SOC
TCEQ	DDEOC Liaison	1		Assigned	Abilene
TDA	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	R-SOC
TxDOT	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	R-SOC
TxDOT	Fuel Support	8		Assigned	Kinney, Real and Hemphill Counties
TxDOT	Light Towers		2	Assigned	Eastland County
TXDPS	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	R-SOC
TMD	Rotary Wing (Medium MRP)	16	2	Assigned	Austin
TPWD	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	R-SOC

FINAL COMMENTS: The State Operations Center (SOC) remains at Level II (Escalated Response Conditions) for COVID-19 pandemic response with additional staffing for Wildfire Outbreak response and recovery. The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) continues to monitor these situations and will provide additional situation reports as needed.

The four levels of SOC activation are:

- Level I (Emergency Conditions)
- Level II (Escalated Response Conditions)
- Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)
- Level IV (Normal Conditions)

This Situation Report can be found on the TDEM webpage at:
<https://tdem-web.webflow.io/response/state-operations-center#tab-2>

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